GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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MERGER OF CENTRAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to shelve the Centrally sponsored schemes and formulate 183 new schemes and to merge certain schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed shelving and merger of these schemes is likely to result in the saving of 25,000 crore rupees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (d): The Planning Commission has undertaken a review ofthe existing schemes (Both Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes) and subjected them to Zero-Based Budgeting (ZBB), retaining only thoseschemes in the Tenth Plan that are demonstrably essential. The exercise will help in rationalizing the schemes by making them more focused and streamline the delivery system to ensure that benefits reach the target group. The savings so generated are being re-deployed by the concerned administrative Ministry/Planning Commission.